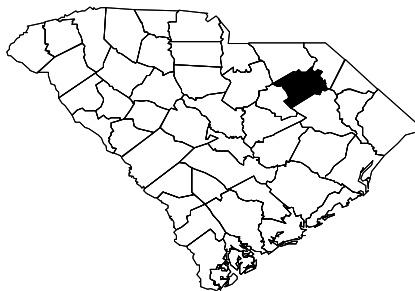


ASTHMA IN DARLINGTON County, 2003



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Impact of Asthma in the United States

- U.S Asthma cases more than tripled from an estimated 6.7 million to 21.9 million between 1980 and 2002.
- Costs for asthma have almost tripled from an estimated \$6.2 billion in 1990, to over \$14 billion in 2001.
- An estimated 9 million (12.5%) U.S. Children are asthmatic, more than twice the entire population of South Carolina.
- 3,964 people died of asthma in 2003.

Asthma in South Carolina

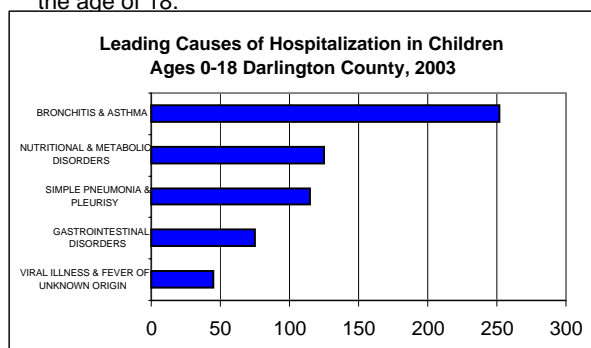
- Currently about 190,000 adults and 91,000 children suffer from asthma in South Carolina, based on 2003 estimates.
- In 2003, 1.4% (7,671) of ALL hospitalizations were from asthma.
- Asthma claimed the lives of 71 South Carolinians in 2003.

Impact of Asthma in Darlington County

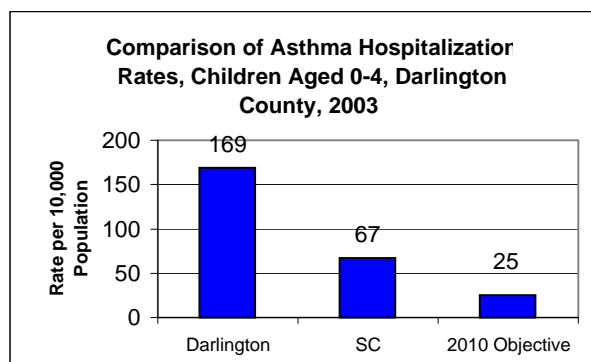
- About 3040 (6%, regional estimate) adults in Darlington county suffer annually from asthma.
- In 2003, there were 333 hospitalizations for asthma in Darlington county for all ages.

Children Suffer the Most from Asthma

- Asthma/ Bronchitis is the leading cause of hospitalization in Darlington county for children under the age of 18.

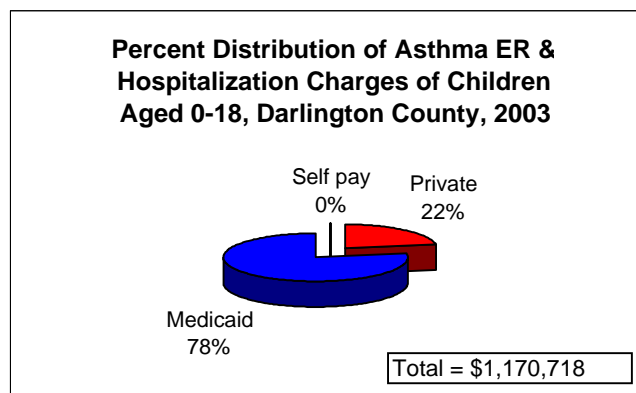


- In 2003, there were 140 asthma hospitalizations of children (<18 years) in Darlington county.
- Healthy People 2010 Objectives for asthma hospitalizations among children under age 5 years is 25 per 10,000 children. Darlington county had a hospitalization rate of 169 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2003, compared to South Carolina's 67 per 10,000 children.



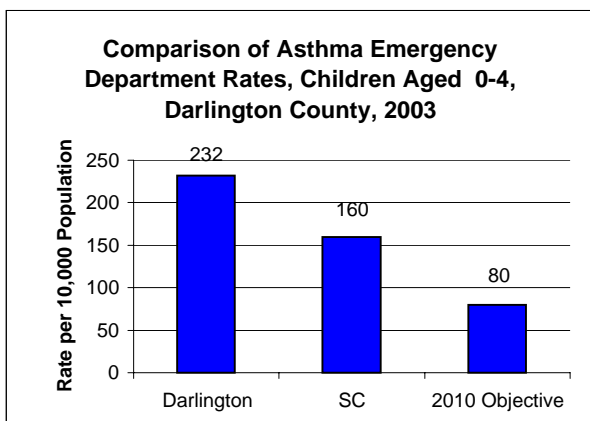
Cost of Asthma

- \$1170718 was charged in 2003 for hospital and ER visits in Darlington county for asthmatic children (<18 years).
- Medicaid covered nearly 78% of these charges.



Emergency Room

- 244 children under the age of 18 visited the ER due to asthma in Darlington county in 2003. This represents 40% of all ER visits due to asthma.
- \$328551 was charged for ER visits in Darlington county for asthmatic children (<18 years) in 2003.



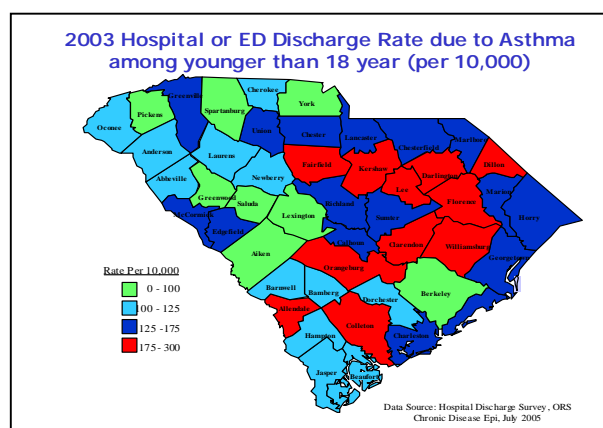
- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma related ER visits among children under the age 5 years old is 80 per 10,000 children.
- Darlington county had an ER rate of 232 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2003, compared to South Carolina's 160 per 10,000 children.



Disparities

- Non-white children under the age of 18 visit ER more frequently than white children in the same age group.
- The hospitalization rate among non-white children is twice as often as white children in Darlington.

Hospital and Emergency Room Visits Rates per 10,000 Children (<18 years), 2003				
	Darlington		South Carolina	
	White	Non-White	White	Non-White
Hospital	49.8	109.3	17.2	43.3
ER	76.5	199.8	54.6	187.6



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